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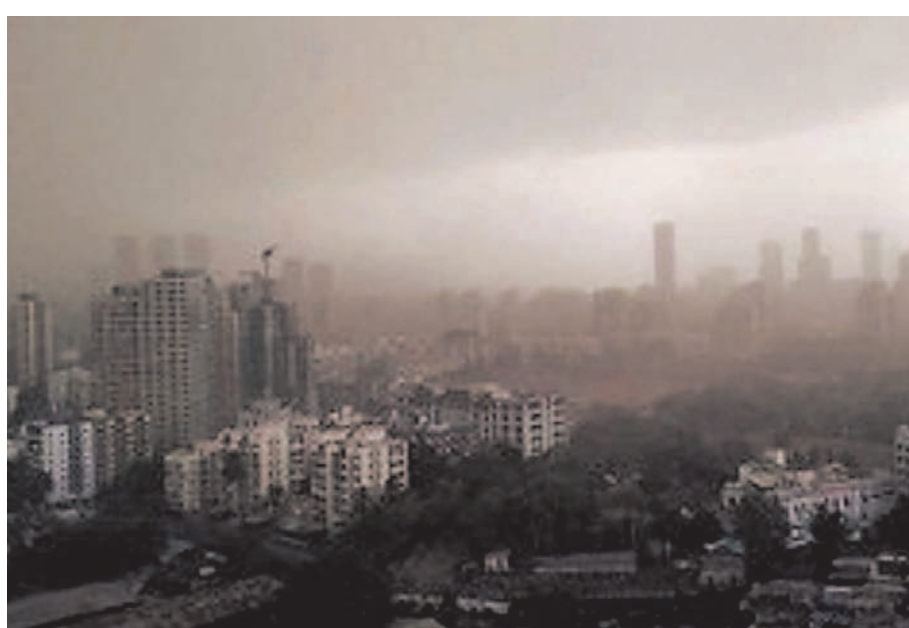
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MASSIVE DUST STORM ENGULFS MUMBAI

The dust-storm, something rare for coastal Mumbai, whipped up suddenly with strong gusty winds around 3 p.m. and within minutes, enveloped almost the entire city, dipping visibility, darkening the atmosphere and hampering movement of vehicular traffic and pedestrians. After over an hour, the dustiness gave way to dark clouds with showers reported in many parts of Mumbai which appreciably dropped the scorching temperatures and also improved visibility to normal levels.

- ▶ A monstrous hoarding of advertisements crashed in the gusty winds on several houses and a petrol pump in Pant Nagar, Ghatkopar east suburb around 4.15 p.m.
- ▶ At least 54 people were left injured and another 70 are still feared trapped under the hoarding when many vehicles queued up to refill petrol and diesel.
- ▶ In Wadala, a multi-storied, vertical steel parking lot near the Shreeji Towers building crashed on a main road in the squally dust-storm this afternoon.
- ▶ The tumbling parking lot crushed around a dozen vehicles and one person sitting in a car was trapped, said the officials. -Local trains, a section of the metro network, and airport services were temporarily stopped amid a darkening sky.
- ▶ The suburban services on the main line have been stopped, the chief spokesperson of Central Railway said.
- ▶ The unseasonal rain brought some respite from the scorching heat, but power outage in Thane's Kalwa and some other areas led to more trouble for residents.



The causes of the dust storm in Mumbai, often referred to as the concrete jungle, were not immediately known, but the IMD had forewarned it in an alert earlier on Monday afternoon. Many people complained that their homes, shops, offices and other places were covered in a thick layer of dust that blew in abruptly before they could shut the doors and windows. At least 36 people were injured in various incidents after a massive dust-storm on Monday hit Mumbai, the country's commercial capital and surroundings, which are now bracing for a thunderstorm predicted to lash over the next few hours, officials said. The dust storm and gusty winds, coupled with light rains paralysed flight operations at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), forcing suspension of services for around 66 minutes. The normal opera-

tions resumed at 5.03 p.m. but there were at least 15 flight diversions in the intervening period, said an official spokesperson. There were several incidents of tree crashes in different parts of Mumbai and Thane, a couple of road accidents, and other tragedies in the dust-storm, and more details are awaited. The BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has issued a warning of a thunderstorm likely to hit parts of Mumbai with strong winds of 50-60 kmph, after dusk. The IMD Pune head K.S. Hosalkar said that a moderate to intense thunderstorm would hit Thane, Raigad, Palghar, Ahmednagar, Pune and Satara, besides parts of Mumbai. "Due to the inclement weather and dust storms in the city, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) temporarily suspended flight operations for around 66 minutes due to low visibil-

ity and gusty winds," Mumbai airport said in a statement. "Operations resumed at 17:03 hours. During this time, the airport saw 15 diversions. CSMIA last week completed its pre-monsoon runway maintenance successfully, ensuring safe and smooth aircraft operations. Committed to efficiency and passenger safety, the airport remains steadfast to prioritise seamless operations," it said. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis in a post on X said the state government has ordered an investigation into the incident.

100 Feared Trapped After Massive Billboard Falls



Mumbai: A hundred people are feared trapped under the debris of a massive billboard that collapsed on a fuel station amid a strong dust storm in Mumbai's Ghatkopar this evening. Police said 35 people were injured, and 47 were rescued. The billboard was opposite the fuel station. Visuals show the structure crashing down right in the middle of the refuelling facility. The metal frame of the billboard tore through the roof of several cars that were at the fuel station. The police said teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) are at the site, and are looking for survivors trapped under the debris.

India signs 10-year pact to operate Chabahar Port in Iran



India on Monday signed a 10-year contract with Iran to develop and operate the Shahid Beheshti terminal at Chabahar port on Iran's south-eastern coast. The contract was signed in Tehran by India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL) and the Ports and Maritime Organisation of Iran in the presence of Union Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal, the Indian Ambassador in Iran posted on X. Under the agreement, government-owned IPGL will invest about \$120 million while there will be an additional \$250 million in financing, bringing the contract's value to \$370 million, Iranian Minister of Roads and Urban Development, Mehrdad Bazrpash, told journalists in Tehran. The agreement was signed in the presence of Sarbananda Sonowal, who flew to Tehran for the crucial event amid the hectic Lok Sabha poll campaign. Sonowal said with the signing of the agreement, the two countries have laid the foundations for India's long-term involvement in Chabahar. The new pact replaces an earlier agreement signed in 2016, allowing India to operate the Shahid Beheshti terminal in Chabahar port which was ad hoc in nature and had to be renewed every year. "Chabahar Port's significance transcends its role as a mere conduit between India and Iran; it serves as a vital trade artery connecting India with Afghanistan and the Central Asian countries," Sonowal said after the signing of the agreement. "The signing of this contract will have a multiplier effect on the viability and visibility of Chabahar Port," Sonowal said, adding, "Chabahar is not only the closest Iranian port to India, but it is also an excellent port from a nautical point of view." India has been developing a terminal at the port in Chabahar to transport goods to Iran, and the landlocked countries of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. The new agreement with Iran would open a trade route between South Asia and Central Asia via Iran, bypassing Karachi and the Gwadar Port in Pakistan. There are plans to link the Chabahar Port with the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) that connects India with Russia via Iran, giving India access to the Central Asian region. This would be an alternative route bypassing the congested Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz sea lanes. The development also comes at a time when China has been keen to increase its investments in ports and other coastal infrastructure in Iran. Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said in Mumbai that the agreement would provide the pathway for bigger investments and more linkages coming out of the seaport.

PM Modi guarantees 'Viksit Bihar' will be reality soon

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As he addressed back-to-back public meetings in Bihar's Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, and Saran on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi detailed his and BJP's "unwavering dedication" to build a 'Viksit Bharat' and a 'Viksit Bihar' by launching a slew of infrastructure and connectivity projects that will ultimately lead to significant development and employment generation in the state. "Modi's decision to modernise more than 90 railway stations in Bihar reinforces the commitment to job creation. Additionally, the construction of four crore pucca houses across the country, including 40 lakh in Bihar alone, has not only provided



shelter but also stimulated economic activity. The procurement of construction materials from local shops has further benefited Bihar's youth by fostering employment, trade, and entrepreneurial opportunities," PM Modi said in Hajipur. With the Congress making 'youth unemployment' a major issue during the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Modi stated how several ongoing projects in Bihar have created jobs for the youth in various sectors. "Over the past decade, the expansion of highways, including the construction of expressways, coupled with ongoing projects such as fertiliser factories and thermal power plants in Bihar, indicates substantial employment potential.

35 SCHOOLS IN JAIPUR RECEIVE BOMB THREAT ON 2008 BLASTS ANNIVERSARY

Jaipur: Thirty-five schools in all received bomb threats on Monday, at a time when Jaipur is observing the 16th anniversary of serial bomb blasts that rocked Rajasthan's capital, killing scores of people and injuring many more. The principals of renowned schools like DPS and MPS received bomb threats through email in the morning. It mentioned about the installation of bombs in the school buildings. All the schools were evacuated in a hurry. After getting the information, police teams and bomb disposal squads reached the spots. All schools have been evacuated and police are searching the information of the person who sent the mail. On Sunday, 12 airports across the country, including Jaipur, received bomb threats. On receiving information about a bomb in Vidyashram School, teams reached the spot at around 9:30 a.m. Keeping safety in mind, the children and staff of the school have been evacuated. After the threatening email to MPS School, located in Tilak Nagar, police from Moti Durgri police station and Adarsh Nagar police station reached the spot and evacuated the staff from the school.

INDIA bloc will form govt at Centre on June 4: Rahul Gandhi

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As voting is underway for the fourth phase on 96 Lok Sabha seats across 10 states and union territories on Monday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi urged people to exercise their right to vote and exuded confidence that India bloc winning the elections. Rahul said voting for the fourth phase is underway, and "it has already been clear from the first three phases that the INDIA bloc will form a government at the Centre on June 4." Emphasising the significance of voting and urging people to participate in large numbers, he wrote: "Remember, your one vote will not only protect your democratic rights but will also change the fate of your entire family." "One vote is equal to the first job of Rs one lakh per year guaranteed for youth. One vote is equal to Rs one lakh per year in the bank account of poor women," he added, highlighting his election promises. Reiterating that voting could bring about significant changes, the Congress leader added: "So come out in large numbers and vote and show that the country will now vote on its issues - it will not get



distracted." With the completion of the third phase of the general elections, voting has taken place in 283 parliamentary constituencies across 20 states/union territories. The counting of votes is scheduled for June 4.

CBSE Class 10 and 12 results declared

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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced the much anticipated results for the class 10 and 12 examinations on May 13, 2024. Students can check their results on the official websites including cbse.gov.in, cbseresults.nic.in, results.digilocker.gov.in, and umang.gov.in. The collective sigh of relief echoes with an overall pass percentage of 87.98% for class 12th, marking a notable increase of 0.65% compared



to the previous year. The overall pass percentage of Class 10th 2024 has been recorded at 93.60 per cent this year, which is an increase of 0.48 per cent from last year's 93.12 per cent.

KP.2 Covid variant appears more transmissible, but not virulent: Doctors

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The new KP.2 Covid-19 variant appears to be more transmissible, but is not virulent, said doctors on Monday, amid reports of 91 cases being detected in Maharashtra. KP.1.1, and KP.2 strains are part of the new variant dubbed FLiRT, based on the technical names for their mutations, one of which includes the letters "F" and "L", and another of which includes the letters "R" and "T". Genome sequencing of March and April revealed 91 cases of KP.2 in Maharashtra -- Pune (51), Thane (20),

Amravati (7), Aurangabad (7), Solapur (2), Ahmednagar (1), Nashik (1), Latur (1), and Sangli (1). "There is no reason to believe that the FLiRT group of variants being reported are more virulent than the existing variants," Dr Lancelot Pinto, Consultant Pulmonologist and Epidemiologist, P. D. Hinduja Hospital and MRC, Mahim, told reporter. "KP.2 appears to be more transmissible," he added. The doctor advised people who are immunocompromised to take precautions such as masking, avoiding crowded closed spaces, and keeping comorbidities under control.

FLiRT variants belong to the Omicron lineage, which was highly transmissible and showed great immune escape. First identified globally in January, KP.2 is a descendant of Omicron's JN.1. Data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that KP.2 accounted for about 25 per cent of new sequenced cases in the country in the last weeks of April. The symptoms of the new variant typically include a sore throat, runny nose, congestion, tiredness, fever (with or without chills), headache, muscle pain, and sometimes loss of taste or smell.

Three dreaded Maoists with Rs 22 lakh bounty killed in Gadchiroli encounter

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In a major operation, Maharashtra Police commandos shot dead at least three dreaded Maoists, including two women - carrying a total bounty of Rs 22 lakh on their heads - during a fierce gunbattle in the Gadchiroli forests, officials said here on Monday. A team led by Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Yatish Deshmukh carried out the operation in the jungles adjoining the Katrangatta village from where the police also recovered three automatic weapons and other arms and ammunition. Following a tip-off that a gang of Maoists were hiding in the forests near the village, a crack team of commandos was sent for a combing operation when the outlaws suddenly opened indiscriminate fire at them. Initially, the police ordered them to surrender, but when they did not pay heed, the commandos opened retaliatory firing in self-defence which continued for some time before the Maoists fled into the jungles.



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Meghan Markle, the Duchess of Sussex, wore a sentimental necklace that belonged to Princess Diana to honour her during her trip to Nigeria. Meghan wore the necklace to a reception for military families in Abuja, Nigeria.

The delicate necklace features a diamond cross on a gold chain and was a gift from Harry to his wife. It once belonged to Princess Diana, reports people.com.

Meghan often pays tribute to Harry's mother through fashion and has several pieces in her jewellery box that belonged to the late Princess of Wales, including butterfly earrings and an aquamarine ring.

Prince Harry also famously included two diamonds from his mother's personal collection in the tri-stone engagement ring he designed for Meghan when he proposed in 2017.

King Charles and Princess Diana visited Nigeria for an official visit in March 1990.

Meghan Markle wears Princess Diana's diamond cross necklace



Rihanna, A\$AP Rocky celebrate son RZA's birthday

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Singer-songwriter Rihanna and her boyfriend A\$AP Rocky celebrated their eldest son's birthday with a special bash.

They stepped out in New York City to celebrate their son, RZA's second birthday, as they showed off their impeccable style, reports 'Mirror.co.uk'.

Holding their youngest child, Riot Rose, in her arms, Rihanna emanated serious cool-mum energy.

The 36-year-old 'Umbrella' hitmaker wore an all-grey outfit, opting for baggy jeans and a stunning corset top, finishing off the look with a fur grey cropped jacket and oval-shaped sunglasses. Following in his fashion-forward mum's footsteps, the youngest of the family wore a denim jacket over a graphic tee and chunky sand-coloured Vans.

As per 'Mirror.co.uk', A\$AP cut a casual dad look in jeans, a white T-shirt, and a striped blue shirt, waving while carrying RZA as they left the bash. The birthday boy -- who turned two on Monday -- showed off his style in brown patterned trousers and a denim jacket. The foursome went to a private party for family and friends in New York City.

Rihanna recently revealed that her rapper boyfriend has always been the inspiration behind her sons' looks.

Speaking to Entertainment Tonight, she said: "When I dress them, I always try to dress them like Rocky. Because I always envisioned dressing a girl, right? We all do as women, like, 'Oh, I'm going to dress her in these cute little things,' but then you get sons and you're like, 'What do I do?' and I was like, 'You know what, I have the biggest hack - their dad!'"

FOR JIM PARSONS, REPRISING 'BIG BANG THEORY' ROLE



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Actor Jim Parsons, known for his portrayal of the affable and geeky Sheldon Cooper in the sitcom 'The Big Bang Theory', said that playing the character once again in the spin-off series 'Young Sheldon' was like a gift for him. The actor will be seen reprising the character one final time for the finale of 'Young Sheldon' on May 16.

Speaking with people.com ahead of the 2024 Tony Awards, Parsons said reprising the role, particularly alongside former co-star Mayim Bialik, was "really special, actually."

Parsons was at peace with his off-screen-only role in the 'Big Bang Theory' spinoff, but the way the finale was written changed his mind entirely, he said.

"I felt a slight hesitancy when they first asked, just as I thought, I don't really want to go revisit the character. But the way that they wrote it in was I thought so beautiful that it ended up being like this little extra coda or whatever to my experience with the character," he told people.com.

"It was this gift of a second layer of losing it out in a way that I had never seen coming, and it was a real treat."

When asked if he had any advice for 15-year-old Iain Armitage, who has portrayed the younger Sheldon since he was 9, Parsons said: "Oh God, no."

"It's such a different experience for him, and he's so smart. He doesn't need any," Parsons added.

CHRIS HEMSWORTH WISHES 'HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY' TO WIFE ELSA, MOM

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The 'Thor' actor Chris Hemsworth has honoured the special women in his life on the occasion of Mother's Day. The actor (40) posted a sweet tribute to both his wife Elsa Pataky and mother Leonie as he marked Mother's Day for the pair on Instagram on Sunday, reports 'People' magazine.

"Happy Mother's Day to my two favourites," Hemsworth wrote in the caption of his post while sharing photos that featured the special moms in his life, reports 'People' magazine.

In the first photo, Pataky (47) pouted at the camera as she appeared with cream on her nose from a mug of hot chocolate she held up to her face.

Hemsworth planted a kiss on his mom's head in the second shot he shared. In the sweet snap, the actor had his arm around Leonie while they posed together for the outdoor photo.

The actor also included a black-and-white photo of himself dressed up as his iconic character Thor alongside Pataky, who appeared as her character Wolf Woman from 'Thor: Love and Thunder' in a similar armoured costume with a long mullet wig and fake fanged teeth, as the pair embraced and held hands.



OLIVIA MUNN REVEALS SHE UNDERWENT FULL HYSTERECTOMY AMID BREAST CANCER BATTLE

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Actress Olivia Munn shared that she underwent a full hysterectomy in April amid her battle with breast cancer. "I have now had an oophorectomy and a hysterectomy. I took out my uterus, fallopian tubes, and ovaries," Munn told Vogue, reports pagesix.com. The actress tagged it as the life-altering decision "the best."

"It was a big decision to make, but it was the best decision for me because I needed to be present for my family," the 43-year-old said.

Munn shared, "I had friends try to cheer me up by saying, 'Malcolm's not going to remember this. Don't worry!' But I just kept thinking to myself, 'I'm going to remember this, that I missed all these things.' It's his childhood, but it's my motherhood, and I don't want to miss any of these parts if I don't have to." This would mark the actress' fifth surgery in her cancer journey, as she previously underwent a full double mastectomy, a lymph node dissection, reconstructive surgery, and a nipple delay.

Brooke Shields says one is never relieved as a parent

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Hollywood actress Brooke Shields' kids are set to head off to their college. But the actress says her parenting journey is far from over.

The model and actress shared that she thought she would feel "relieved" when she reached the point where her two daughters — Rowan, 20, and Grier, 18 — were all grown up and living independently, reports 'People' magazine.

Instead, she's discovered that moms never really stop worrying about their kids. She said, "You get on vacation and all you do is think about where they are and what they're doing. It's like there's really no relief."

She told 'People', "It's like people say, 'Oh, it's going to be great. Just when they start to be able to walk. You don't have to carry them everywhere. Then they're walking all over and you're worried about them falling off the stairs and in the pool and down the street, and then they're able to walk.'"

She added, "And every step of the way, you think it's going to be a relief. And then a whole new set of worries just smacks you in the face."



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Lottie Moss



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Actress Saiyami Kher, has shared that she likes to do roles that challenge her and push her out of her comfort zone. The actress, who is known for 'Mirzya', 'Ghoomer', 'Special OPS', and

'Breathe', expressed her contentment with being recognised as an actor capable of handling rugged and challenging roles in Bollywood.

Elaborating on the subject, she said: "I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities I've had to portray strong characters in the work I have done so far. It's immensely fulfilling to be recognised for my ability to take on roles that push me out of my comfort zone and demand physical and emotional dedication. I've always been drawn to roles that demand everything from me because, in return, they give me so much. My attempt has always been to lose myself in the character."

"So when someone says, 'Oh, the 'Ghoomer girl' is the same girl from 'Choked?' I take it as a compliment because, as an actor, it feels great not to find the same person in every character. My journey as an actor has been one of constant learning, growth, and I am grateful for every opportunity to challenge myself and inspire and touch people's lives. Acting is a very powerful medium. So when people come back and say your film inspired me, taught me, or moved me, I feel it's a big success for me," she added.

My attempt has always been to lose myself in the character: Saiyami Kher

"In honour of Mother's Day, share your first picture with your baby" : Bipasha Basu

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Actress Bipasha Basu on Monday shared the newborn picture of her baby girl Devi, portraying the divine bond between a mother and child.

Taking to Instagram stories, Bipasha shared the first picture of her baby daughter.

The snap shows the 'Raaz' actress lying down on a hospital bed while the doctor holds the child, wrapped in a white baby blanket, close to Bipasha's face.

In the image, Bipasha is seen giving a kiss to her daughter.

The post is captioned: "In honour of Mother's Day, share your first picture with your baby."

The actress also added an evil eye sticker to the post.

Bipasha married her 'Alone' co-star, Karan Singh Grover, in April 2016. Their daughter, Devi, was born in November 2022.



KJo reveals he has been a big fan of filmmaker Jon M. Chu, poses with Michelle Yeoh



and dynamic @belabajarja who has been such an inspiration to the community in the world of media and entertainment...and my dearest friend and co-founder of @goldhouseco...@prabalgurung...," he wrote.

He expressed humility and appreciation for being recognised by Gold House, emphasising its significance in honouring Asian achievers and promoting representation and inclusivity. Talking about American designer Prabal Gurung, he said: "Prabal is a force of nature and a powerhouse of talent... always pushing boundaries and maintaining fashion relevance for the ages... every day!" He makes us all so proud!

"I dedicate this award to the love of my life... My mother on Mother's Day... 25 years of making movies, and I have so many more stories to tell..."

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Indian filmmaker Karan Johar, who was feted with the Gold Legend honour at the third annual Gold House gala, posed with American filmmaker Jon M. Chu and Oscar winner Michelle Yeoh.

Karan took to Instagram stories and shared images from the gala, showcasing himself posing with Yeoh and M. Chu. He shared a photo posing with M. Chu and captioned it: "Was so excited to meet with @jonmchu! Been a big fan! And can't wait for WICKED." Additionally, Karan shared a picture with Yeoh, where the two are seen looking at the camera and smiling. Expressing gratitude upon

receiving the honour, Karan shared a video on his Instagram handle, capturing the moment of him accepting the award.

"Humbled and Honoured to receive the Gold Legend Honour @goldhouseco's Gold Gala in LA... Gold house is such

an important platform that not only honours and acknowledges Asian Achiever's and Talent from across the globe but also stands tall for representation and inclusivity..."

"Was so grateful to receive the award from the incredible

SONAM KAPOOR BRINGS HER FASHION GAME FORWARD, DONS GENDER-NEUTRAL OUTFIT

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Bollywood actress and fashionista Sonam Kapoor flaunted her "killer" style as she shared pictures looking classy in a gender-neutral outfit. Sonam took to her Instagram and shared a string of pictures. In the image, the actress is seen wearing a Ralph Lauren jacket, black pants, and formal shoes. She was styled by her sister, Rhea Kapoor, and celebrity fashion stylist, Abhilasha Devnani. Sonam opted for nude makeup, completed her look with chunky gold earrings, and chose to keep her hair open. For the caption, she wrote: "If looks could (knife emoji)" Sonam was last seen in the 2023 film 'Blind', directed by Shome Makhija, alongside Purab Kohli, Vinay Pathak, and Lillete Dubey. The film was a remake of the popular 2011 Korean film of the same name and traced the story of a blind police officer in search of a serial killer.



'Khatron Ke Khiladi 14' adds 5 contenders

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The makers of the stunt-based reality show 'Khatron Ke Khiladi' season 14 on Monday announced the names of the next five contestants.

They are -- Aditi Sharma, Karan Veer Mehra, Niyati Fatnani, Samarth Jurel, and Abhishek Kumar.

Earlier, the makers had announced Krishna Shroff and Asim Riaz as contestants.

Speaking about the journey, the 'Rabb Se Hai Dua' fame actress Aditi Sharma said: "Being an actor has been about pushing the boundaries and testing my limits. I get to do exactly that at an entirely new level with 'Khatron Ke Khiladi'."

She said that for years, she has poured her heart and soul into bringing characters to life on the screen.

"As I step aboard Khatron Ke Khiladi, the audience will witness a side of me that has remained largely unexplored -- the raw, unfiltered version of who I truly am," she said.

She said that on this journey, there are no scripts and no rehearsals.

"The fears, the doubts, and the moments of exhilaration will be laid bare before the world. This show is my chance to connect with the audience on a deeper, more authentic level," she added.

Karan, who is known for his work in shows like 'Baatein Kuch Ankahee Si', 'Ziddi Dil Maane Na' said: "As someone whose life revolves around the pursuit of fitness and adventure, I am super excited to be part of the adrenaline-packed ride that is 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 14'."

He said that this opportunity is a dream come true, a chance to push the boundaries of his physical and mental limits in a way that few experiences can rival.

"With the legendary Rohit Shetty sir at the helm, guiding us through this uncharted territory, I will not only face my fears head-on. I am ready to embrace this journey with open arms. I'm sure it's going to be



a transformative experience," he added.

The 'Tere Ishq Mein Ghayal' fame actress Niyati shared that the new season of 'Khatron Ke Khiladi' will mark her debut in the realm of reality shows.

"I am confident that this show will give me that perfect opportunity to overcome my fears, push my limits, and learn new skills. With a background in dance, I've gained flexibility, which I intend to leverage to the fullest during the show. It's an honour to showcase my stunt skills in the presence of Rohit Shetty sir, and I look forward to making some new memories," she added.

The wild card entrant of 'Bigg Boss 17', Samarth said: "After the rollercoaster ride that was 'Bigg Boss' I find myself once again at the doorstep of an extraordinary opportunity, one that will test the depths of my courage like never before. My journey on 'Bigg Boss'

last year taught me lessons about resilience, adaptability, and the importance of staying true to oneself in the face of adversity."

"However, 'Khatron Ke Khiladi' presents an entirely different challenge-- one that demands not only mental strength but also physical prowess. I can't put the thrill of performing stunts in a new adventure place in words. It's a chance to redefine the boundaries of what I thought possible," he added.

The runner-up of 'Bigg Boss 17' Abhishek said: "I hope the course of receiving love from my fans continues as I showcase my daredevil side. I am claustrophobic and this show will allow me to overcome my fear. I'm a big fan of Rohit Shetty's sir action films and it is a dream come true to be mentored by him. To my beloved fans, I make this promise: I'm so grateful to have you all stand by me through thick and thin, I shall give my best to this show."